

## Exchange With Reporters at the Jefferson Memorial

July 2, 2001

### Fourth of July

**Q.** What's the occasion, Mr. President?

**The President.** Wanted to come over. We're looking right out our window every day at the Jefferson. It's a beautiful day—wanted to come over and begin the beginning of the Fourth of July celebration here at the Jefferson Memorial. It's an opportunity to say hello to some of our fellow Americans.

**Q.** What does the Fourth mean to you, Mr. President?

**The President.** Well, it's an unimaginable honor to be the President, during the Fourth of July, of this country. It means what these words say, for starters. The great inalienable rights of our country. We're blessed with such values in America. And I—it's—I'm a proud man to be the Nation based upon such wonderful values.

I can't tell you what it's like to be in Europe, for example, to be talking about the greatness of America. But the true greatness of America are the people. And it's another reason we're here, is to be able to say hello to some of our fellow Americans who are here to celebrate.

It's good to see everybody. John [John Berman, ABC News], when are you getting married?

**Q.** Three weeks, sir.

NOTE: The exchange began at 3:40 p.m. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

## Executive Order 13220—Waiver Under the Trade Act of 1974 With Respect to the Republic of Belarus

July 2, 2001

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including subsection 402(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974,

as amended (the “Act”)(19 U.S.C. 2432(c)(2)), which continues to apply to the Republic of Belarus pursuant to subsection 402(d) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 2432(d)), and having made the report to the Congress required by subsection 402(c)(2), I hereby waive the application of subsections 402(a) and 402(b) of the Act with respect to the Republic of Belarus.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
July 2, 2001.

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NOTE: This Executive order was published in the *Federal Register* on July 5.

## Memorandum on the Extension of Normal Trade Relations Status With Belarus

July 2, 2001

Presidential Determination No. 2001–20

### Memorandum for the Secretary of State

**Subject:** Determination under Section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974—Republic of Belarus

Pursuant to section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–618, January 3, 1975; 88 Stat. 1978) as amended (the “Act”), I determine that a waiver by Executive Order of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act with respect to the Republic of Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402.

On my behalf, please transmit this determination to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

**Letter to Congressional Leaders  
Transmitting a Report on the  
Extension of Normal Trade Relations  
Status With Belarus**

*July 2, 2001*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

I hereby transmit the report referred to in subsection 402(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, with respect to a waiver of the application of subsections 402(a) and (b) of that Act to the Republic of Belarus.

I have determined that such a waiver will substantially promote the objectives of section 402, and I have instructed the Secretary of State to provide a copy of that determination to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate. The report also indicates that I have received the assurances with respect to the emigration practices of the Republic of Belarus required by section 402(c)(2)(B) of the Act.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders  
Transmitting a Report on the  
Extension of Normal Trade Relations  
Status for Certain Former Eastern  
Bloc States**

*July 2, 2001*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

On September 21, 1994, President Clinton determined and reported to the Congress that the Russian Federation was not in violation of paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of subsection 402(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, or paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of subsection 409(a) of that Act. On June 3, 1997, he also determined and reported to the Congress that Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine were not in violation of the same provisions, and made an identical determination on December 5, 1997, with respect to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. These actions allowed for the continuation of normal

trade relations for these countries and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver.

On June 29, 2000, pursuant to subsection 302(b) of Public Law 106–200, President Clinton determined that title IV of the 1974 Trade Act should no longer apply to Kyrgyzstan, and on December 29, 2000, pursuant to section 3002 of Public Law 106–476, he determined that title IV of the 1974 Trade Act should no longer apply to Georgia.

As required by law, I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

The report indicates continued compliance of these countries with international standards concerning freedom of emigration.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Richard B. Cheney, President of the Senate.

**Letter to Congressional Leaders  
Transmitting the District of  
Columbia's Fiscal Year 2002 Budget  
Request Act and Fiscal Year 2001  
Supplemental Budget Request**

*July 2, 2001*

*Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)*

Pursuant to my constitutional authority and consistent with sections 202(c) and (e) of The District of Columbia Financial Management and Responsibility Assistance Act of 1995 and section 446 of The District of Columbia Self-Governmental Reorganization Act as amended in 1989, I am transmitting the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Request Act and Fiscal Year 2001 Supplemental Budget Request.

The proposed FY 2002 Budget Request Act reflects the major programmatic objectives of the Mayor and the Council of the District of Columbia. For FY 2002, the District estimates total revenues and expenditures of \$5.3 billion, resulting in an adjusted surplus of \$85.8 million.